

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first

5 information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of 10 output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information 15 pieces to be outputted; and

a prohibition section,

wherein when the outputted second information piece is returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the 20 first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the 25 threshold value.

2. A server comprising:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

5 a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted
10 to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to
15 the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal;
and

a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

25 3. The server according to claim 1, further

comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

5 4. The server according to claim 2, further comprising a initialization section for initializing the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece prohibited from being output to the terminal.

10 5. The server according to claim 1, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

15 6. The server according to claim 2, wherein the first information pieces are a plurality of pieces of music.

7. A terminal comprising:

 a storage section for storing a plurality of first information pieces;

20 an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been
25 outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

5 a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

8. The terminal according to claim 7, wherein the
10 plurality of first information pieces are a plurality of pieces
of music.

9. An information processing system comprising:

a server; and

15 a terminal connected to the server via a network,

wherein

the server comprises:

a first storage section for storing a plurality
of first information pieces;

20 a corresponding information storage section for
storing a plurality of second information pieces in
one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the
first information pieces, the second information pieces
indicating number of output times the first information

25 pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second information pieces corresponding to the first information pieces to be outputted; and

5 a prohibition section,

the terminal comprises:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

10 an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

15 an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server, and

20 wherein when the outputted second information piece is returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second information pieces, the prohibition section of the server prohibits the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times 25 becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted

to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

5 10. An information processing system comprising:
a server; and
a terminal connected to the server via a network,
wherein the server comprises:
10 a first storage section for storing a plurality
of first information pieces;
 a corresponding information storage section for
storing a plurality of second information pieces in
one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the
first information pieces, the second information pieces
15 indicating number of output times the first information
pieces has been outputted to a terminal;
 an output section for outputting the first
information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;
 an increment section for incrementing the number
20 of output times of the second information piece
corresponding to the first information piece outputted
to the terminal each time when the first information
piece is outputted to the terminal; and
 a prohibition section for prohibiting the first
25 information pieces corresponding to the second

information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times 5 becomes equal to the threshold value, and the terminal comprises:

a second storage section for storing the plurality of first information pieces;

10 an acquisition section for acquiring the plurality of second information pieces together with the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces;

15 an increment section for incrementing the second information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second information pieces to the server.

20 11. An information record medium recording a sever program for causing a server computer contained in a server to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first 25 information pieces;

16 a corresponding information storage section for storing
17 a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one
18 correspondence with the plurality of the first information
19 pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of
20 5 output times the first information pieces has been outputted
to a terminal;

21 an output section for outputting the first information
22 pieces to be outputted to a terminal together with the second
23 information pieces corresponding to the first information
24 10 pieces to be outputted; and

25 a prohibition section,

26 wherein when the outputted second information piece is
27 returned from the terminal, on a basis of the returned second
28 information pieces, the prohibition section prohibits the
29 15 first information pieces corresponding to the second
30 information piece of which the number of output times becomes
31 a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the
32 terminal in later output after the output to the terminal
33 wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the
34 20 threshold value.

35 12. An information record medium recording a sever
36 program for causing a server computer contained in a server
37 to function as:

38 25 a storage section for storing a plurality of first

information pieces;

a corresponding information storage section for storing a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an output section for outputting the first information pieces to be outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the number of output times of the second information piece corresponding to the first information piece outputted to the terminal each time when the first information piece is outputted to the terminal; and

a prohibition section for prohibiting the first information pieces corresponding to the second information piece of which the number of output times becomes a preset threshold value or more from being outputted to the terminal in later output after the output to the terminal wherein the number of output times becomes equal to the threshold value.

13. An information record medium recording a terminal program for causing a terminal computer contained in a terminal to function as:

a storage section for storing a plurality of first

information pieces;

an acquisition section for acquiring a plurality of second information pieces in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of the first information pieces together with
5 the first information pieces corresponding to the second information pieces, the second information pieces indicating number of output times the first information pieces has been outputted to a terminal;

an increment section for incrementing the second
10 information pieces corresponding to the acquired first information pieces;

a utilization section for utilizing the acquired first information pieces; and

a return section for returning the incremented second
15 information pieces to the server.